

2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Faith Based Security Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

2. Fiscal Year

2021

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Faith Based Security Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

84593

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

07/28/2020

6. Expected Renewal Date

07/28/2022

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

6 USC 451 Homeland Security Act

13. Effective Date

06/25/2020

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

FBSAC shall provide organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific and actionable advice to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Partnership and Engagement, who serves as the DHS Faith Based Organization Security Coordinator on matters related to houses of worship and faith-based organization security, and the Executive Director. FBSAC serves strictly as an advisory body with the purpose of providing advice upon the request of the Secretary. FBSAC advice may include: A. Strategy and Policy: Recommendations for the development of strategies and policies that will further the Department's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, or other emergencies. B. Information-sharing and Coordination: Recommendations for improving coordination and sharing of threat and security-related information, internally across the Department, externally across the Federal Government, and among state, local, tribal governments, first responders, the private and non-profit sectors, academia, and research communities. C. Management and Implementation: Recommendations for the development and implementation of specific programs or initiatives to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and targeted violence. D. Evaluation and Feedback: Recommendations for the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department's faith-based organization security programs (e.g., two-way information sharing, facilitate training, build bridges between faith-based constituencies and their law enforcement partners, address community issues or concerns, FEMA's non-profit security grant program, security training and tools for faith-based organizations, etc.). Recommendations will also prioritize how to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from domestic and international terrorist attacks. This includes providing feedback on how DHS can address the needs of the faith-based community against evolving and future threats as they arise.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

It is anticipated that the FBSAC will consist of approximately 25 members. In order for the Secretary to fully leverage broad-ranging experience and education, the FBSAC must be professionally, technically, and culturally diverse. These members shall all be leaders found within diverse and appropriate professions and communities nationwide. The non-federal membership shall be drawn from the following fields: Experts in houses of worship and faith-based organization security; Faith-based leaders; Faith-based Organization leaders; and Faith-based news media.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

At least twice per year. *Committee was established, however, due to the inability to meet membership requirements no meetings took place.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

o DHS attempted to tackle faith-based security internally and found the level of expertise was insufficient. The public participation and robust representation was not present in prior attempts to provide security-related information, training and engagements for faith based organizations. No other group exists focusing on faith based security on a national scale. This council's scope and objectives are not covered by any other existing agency or committee. To note, faith based security was a prior subcommittee of one of the DHS FACs, but terminated in a prior administration. The Acting Secretary elevated the importance of faith based security and requires a group of C-suite national leaders focus on the security of our homeland. That is the intention of this council.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

21. Remarks

o The Faith-Based Security Advisory Council is essential to show DHS' commitment to bolstering the safety and security of faith based organizations across the country. There is a large public interest in securing houses of worship and protecting our country from terrorist attacks on religious institutions. The Acting Secretary issued a memo requiring the creation of the interfaith council and created the new Office of Faith Based Security Coordination to provide federal support to the council. Every other option was explored by DHS and none sufficiently involved the level of expertise needed to advise on interfaith matters. The Acting Secretary decided DHS needed more public participation and the council is the only method to achieve it.

Designated Federal Officer

Traci Silas Senior Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Acharya, Chandru	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	President	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Batura, Paul	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Vice President of Communications	Representative Member
Berkowitz, Kenneth	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Chief of Canton Police Department	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bledsoe, Cassandra	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Community Liaison to the Chief of Police	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Burgo, Kimberly	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Vice President of Disaster Operations	Representative Member
Cohen, Abba	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Vice President of Government Affairs	Representative Member
Daniel Smith, Hugh	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Founder and Executive Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fariel-Mureithi, Shannon	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Global Security Director	Representative Member
Harris, Dana	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Regional Alliance Director	Representative Member
Hibbs, Jack	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Senior Pastor	Representative Member
Hodder, Kenneth	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	National Commander	Representative Member

Isaac, Jacqueline	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Vice President	Representative Member
Pinna, John	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Vice President	Representative Member
Richins, Todd	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Director of Field Operations	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Spivey, Randy	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	CEO/Founder	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Teppara, Dino	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Special Assistant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zografos, Stavros	12/11/2020	12/31/2023	Archbishop	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 17

Narrative Description

The committee was awaiting appointment of members, therefore the committee did not meet or implement any recommendations.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

The committee was awaiting appointment of members, therefore the committee did not meet or implement any recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

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What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments